

# Claims

- [c1] An open-ended container for holding a liquid, said container having sides, a horizontal lip at said open end, and at least one projection that extends above said lip and that has a horizontal upper surface, whereby when said container is inverted it is supported on a horizontal surface in a vertical position by said at least one projection and said lip does not contact said surface.
- [c2] A container according to Claim 1 having a handle on the side.
- [c3] A container according to Claim 2 wherein said at least one projection extends from said handle.
- [c4] A container according to Claim 3 wherein said at least one projection is a horizontal plate.
- [c5] A container according to Claim 4 wherein said handle is sufficiently heavy so that said plate supports said container when said container is inverted.
- [c6] A container according to Claim 2 wherein said handle has a vertical aperture that extends into said handle from its base, whereby the handle of a toothbrush can fit into said aperture when said container is inverted.
- [c7] A container according to Claim 6 inverted with the handle of a toothbrush in said aperture.

- [c8] A container according to Claim 1 made of plastic.
- [c9] A container according to Claim 1 wherein said at least one projection extends from said lip.
- [c10] A container according to Claim 9 wherein said at least one projection is three spaced-apart buttons.
- [c11] A container according to Claim 9 wherein said at least one projection extends for over half the distance around said lip.
- [c12] A container according to Claim 9 wherein said at least one projection is two opposing projections.
- [c13] A container according to Claim 1 wherein said at least one projection extends about 1 to about 3 mm above said lip.
- [c14] A container according to Claim 1 that has no handle.
- [c15] A container according to Claim 14 made of glass.
- [c16] A container according to Claim 1 wherein the walls of said container are vertical.
- [c17] A container according to Claim 1 wherein a cross-section through said container is a circle.
- [c18] A drinking cup comprising a cylindrical container having a sealed base, vertical sides, an open top with a lip therearound, a handle on a side, and at least one projection that extends about 1 to about 3 mm above said lip, whereby when said cup

is inverted and is placed on a horizontal surface it is supported in a vertical position by said at least one projection so that said lip does not contact said horizontal surface.

[c19] A cup according to Claim 18 wherein said handle has a vertical aperture that extends into said handle from its base, whereby the handle of a toothbrush can fit into said aperture when said container is inverted.

[c20] A drinking glass comprising a container of circular cross-section with a vertical centerline that is sealed at the base, has an open top with a lip around the edge, and has at least one projection that extends upward from said lip, whereby when said glass is inverted and placed on a horizontal surface it is held with its centerline vertical by said at least one projection with said lip about 1 to about 3 mm above said surface.